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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

In response to the Reasons for Allowance provided by Examiner in the Notice of Allowance mailed on December 14, 2004, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons. Applicant submits the following reasons for allowance: the claimed invention is patentable over Nara because Nara does not disclose or suggest at least "the configuration of the recipe is performed before a wafer printed with a mask created from the mask set data is

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generated” and “the recipe is created before a wafer to which the design data has been applied is generated.”

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider reasons for allowance in light of the comments provided by the Applicant.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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